

Dear FCC,

1. The Telecom Act of 1996 was created to spur competition in the field of telecommunications. Broadband DSL is a form of telecommunications, and must be considered under this regulation.

2. The DC Court of Appeals -- in the recently decided case of Telecommunications Assoc. of America vs. the FCC -- vacated rulings on line-sharing. This is inconsistent with a Supreme Court ruling two weeks ago on TELRIC. You MUST appeal the case on line sharing immediately to the Supreme Court, as this requires clarification and decisive action in accordance with the law.

3. The RBOCs are a monopoly; they manage the UNEs (Last Mile), but however did not pay for the building of these lines. The taxpayer paid to have these lines built. These lines MUST remain open so that our bills can go down. Right now, residential DSL broadband is \$50 USD (SBC Prodigy / Verizon / Pacific Bell / Qwest), and it is cost prohibitive for Americans. I won't pay that price! Until we have more competition in this area, you are not going to see the prices come down. To reinforce a monopoly by deregulating their requirement to provide these lines to competition is only going to raise prices and kill my pocketbook. AND YOU SAY YOU WANT TO INCREASE BROADBAND TO AMERICANS. Then give us more competition in the market by clarifying these lines must remain open, and line-sharing, as you have said in the past...must remain in tact.

Otherwise - the call to broadband is a farce. You must allow the CLECs to grow, and UNE access and line sharing must remain for the present.